

Transportation and Trails Meeting August 31, 2010

As meeting begins Scotty Ensign motions to accept last month's minutes.
Dennis Sprong seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Jim Piva mentions that he received a thank you card from Donna Meyers. Within the message Mrs. Meyers states that she would like to resign from the T&T committee.
A motion to accept Mrs. Meyers' resignation by Cheryl Wegner.
Motion is seconded by Michelle Morton and it passes unanimously.

2. Jim Piva mentions an upcoming meeting with Caltrans official Joe Hull. Meeting is planned for Wends. Sept. 8th at 5:30pm.

3. Jim Piva mentions that a meeting regarding the Emergency Evacuation Road is still in its planning stages. Meeting with the County regarding the status. Tentatively, the date is set for Thurs. Sept. 16th.

4. Cheryl Wegner shares with the group that she was part of a trail workshop that was organized to discuss alternate trail proposals. Cheryl says that about 50 people attended. About 40 were trails advocates and the remaining were "Hawkwatch" Raptor advocates. John Degenfelder discusses the possibility that there are funds available for trail or grassland preservation. He is going to approach the County regarding the possible existence of unused funds.

Dennis Sprong motions to have John Degenfelder approach the County to get funding information from the County.

Cheryl Wegner seconds and the motion passes unanimously.

Non-agenda items:

1. In attendance as part of the audience, Bob Hailey announces that he will be attending upcoming meetings with Sandag.
2. Arvi Degenfelder announces that the Ramona Trails and the Equine group will be sponsoring a forum for Ramona Community Planning Group hopefuls prior to the upcoming election. The forum will be held on Wends. October 13th. Each individual will have 2 minutes to talk about who they are, why they want to run for the CPG, etc, etc.

Item of interest:

1. Resident, Mr. Ernest Garrett discusses with the committee the issue of red curb and other safety related items at and in the vicinity of San Vicente Rd/Green Haven Ln. Mr. Garrett is primarily concerned about vehicles speeding as they travel eastbound on San Vicente Rd.

Committee member Carl Hickman discusses issues related to setting enforceable speed limits and the feasibility of a variety of safety related items. After much discussion by the group, Jim Piva motions that the T&T committee should author a letter, addressed to the County that would be sympathetic to Mr. Garrett's concerns and ask the County to investigate the following:

1. Installation of appropriate lengths of red curb at the San Vicente Rd/Green Haven Ln intersection so that sight distance can be maximized.
2. Installation of a driver feedback sign at an appropriate location on San Vicente Rd, just west of Vista Vicente Dr, visible to eastbound drivers.
3. Installation of intersection warning signs on San Vicente Rd, in advance of Vista Vicente Dr and Green Haven Ln.
4. Steps necessary and appropriate that would enable the County to set a realistic and enforceable speed limit on San Vicente Rd., east of Wildcat Canyon Rd.
5. Installation of edgeline striping on both the north and south sides of San Vicente Rd., from Wildcat Canyon Rd to the end of San Vicente Rd.

The motion is seconded by Frank Coakley and it passes unanimously.

2. Discussion regarding having a forum or workshop to discuss safety in the vicinity of schools.

The topic was first mentioned by Dennis Sprong at a past Ramona Community Planning Group meeting. Bob Hailey adds that in an effort to add elements of safety to school zones, past determinations by the CPG have tried to set guidelines that all roads within 1 mile of any school should have curb, gutter and sidewalk. Dawn Perfect mentions that she has witnessed law enforcement officers writing tickets, pulling over violators and enforcing the rules of the road. She says that law enforcement does a good job with their presence.

After much discussion by the group, Dennis Sprong motions that there is no need to hold a forum or workshop to discuss safety in the vicinity of schools and that the Transportation and Trails Committee and the Ramona Community Planning Group will continue to support the County in constructing and providing adequate infrastructure to allow for safe public transportation in the vicinity of schools.

Frank Coakley seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 8:40pm.